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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General D. V. Bennett, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Release of Intelligence Documents

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum S-42296/DC-4A dated
23 August 1971

1. Since receipt of referent memorandum we have reviewed Volume II of the Human Resources Intelligence Collection Management Manual and note that it deals extensively with sensitive aspects of clandestine intelligence tradecraft. These are matters involving intelligence sources and methods which I am enjoined by statute to protect. In line with policies laid down by the chairmen of the committees with oversight responsibility over the Agency, I have not been free without their prior approval to discuss these matters outside these committees.

2. In these circumstances I cannot concur in your suggestion that Parts III and IV of the material in question be displayed to members of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information.

3. For similar reasons, I would recommend against your proposal that certain members of the Subcommittee be allowed to review the entire manual.

4. The enclosures dealing with definitions which you propose to pass to the Subcommittee do not represent the agreed definitions of either the community or this Agency, and have, moreover, been subject to widespread confusion and misinterpretation in the public mind. I would therefore recommend against providing any of this material to the Subcommittee.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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23 AUG 1971

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SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Release of Intelligence Documents (U)

TO: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

1. (S) DIA is in receipt of a letter from the Honorable Paul N. McCloskey, dated 11 August 1971, requesting a copy of Defense Intelligence Collection Manual (DICOM), DIAM 58-11, Volume II. This manual was referred to in public testimony of Mr. Kenneth B. Osborn, a former enlisted member of the 500th MI Group, before the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, Committee on Government Operations, on 2 August 1971.
2. (U) DIA is also in receipt of a similar request from Mr. Dale Moser, Staff Assistant to the Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information.
3. (S) A review of Mr. Osborn's testimony discloses that the issues concerning the subcommittee relate to instructions contained in the manual pertaining to the termination of an agent, with or without prejudice. Portions of the manual relating to termination of agents are contained in Parts I and II of the manual. Extracts of pertinent portions thereof intended for release to the Congressional subcommittee are contained in enclosure 1 hereto. It is also intended to furnish this subcommittee with the definitions of pertinent intelligence terminology, in enclosure 2.
4. (C) To assure the subcommittee that no other portions of the manual are pertinent to these deliberations, DIA recommends allowing the Committee Chairman, a member of this subcommittee, or a member of the Committee Staff, who possess appropriate security clearances to review the entire manual with the assistance of a DoD representative. It is intended that physical custody of the manual would remain with the DoD representative.

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5. (C) It is believed that the historical origin of the Parts III and IV of subject manual were derived from CIA operational tradecraft material. It is requested that CIA grant clearance for Parts III and IV to be revealed to the Congressional subcommittee on a display basis (not to leave DoD custody) in the event this procedure is accepted by the Chairman.



D. V. BENNETT
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

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